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Dear Mike,

Before sending you the xeroxes of the CIA's response to Marks' request I checked what was listed in their letter against what I had. Several Inventory Numbers were missing. I wrote him and asked for them. They came today. I'll be enclosing them when - make copies.

If I did not send you my letter to him, I did offer what help I could. He did not respond to this. In fact, a clerical worker responded without reference to my officer. I think it best to make no contact with him now because he is on other projects that mean more to him, there is a possibility he may refer to another, and there is one person with whom my experiences have not been good who has developed an interest. I'd be surprised if he did not make contact with Marks. Astounded, really.

There is a student who has been here for several days working over my FOIA files. He has an interest in this subject. Last night he skimmed those records. He showed me No. 25. It also bears the number 8. I do not recall it from the Olson records but it may be among them. Please let me know if you do. I do not have time to do the checking now. Also please read it with care. Referring to "erck" it says exactly what I'd assumed about Olson. The Agency comment is should they take it to a high place. And about Olson's alleged suicidal tendencies, did it have offensive usefulness. Byzantine!

I still do not have these records from the CIA. My request was much more inclusive than Marks', which was earlier.

Once they decided to give these to Marks, who was entitled to priority on them, and once he gave them away, as I have done with other records in the past, how many reasons can you think of for their not sending them to me?

While I have not really had time to think this through I do believe that despite the destruction there is more and that with caution and patience I may obtain it. If this is possible I will be cautious and patient while I make other efforts I've mentioned.

If you believe you can fill in some of the masking I'd appreciate either a memo identifying the record and telling me what was masked or a copy in which you have inserted what you believe was masked. With signatures there are not the clues there are in the body. If you try to fill in body masking do not forget blank spaces, etc.

Best regards,